

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 26-36, 38-45 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by Ingrisch. Claims 26-36, 38-45 and 47-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(b) for allegedly being unpatentable over Ingrisch. Applicants respectfully submit that the changes to the amended claims make it clear that the claimed dispersion consisting of components A-G is novel and non-obvious over the dispersion described by Ingrisch, which, in addition to components A-G, also comprises components H and E.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the improved chemical stability of the product according to the invention is not apparent from Ingrisch. Thus, these rejections should be withdrawn.

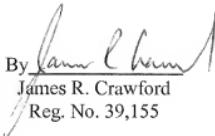
With respect to claim 47, the process comprises the step of a) reacting the components (A) to (C), b) reacting the prepolymer with (E) and optionally (F) and c) dispersing the prepolymer in water. The polyurethane dispersion per se is clearly defined because it depends from claim 26 and, thus, cannot contain further components.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-HUBR-1291-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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